

## NEWS RELEASE

**Potato Stocks  
April 15, 2003**

### APRIL 1 POTATO STOCKS

#### North Dakota

Stocks of potatoes totaled 7.00 million hundredweight (cwt) on April 1, 2003, in North Dakota's growers, dealers and processors storage facilities, according to the North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. Stocks are down 33 percent from last year and 26 percent below April 1, 2001. Current stocks represent 30 percent of the production, down from 39 percent last year and 35 percent two years ago.

Disappearance from the start of harvest totaled 16.5 million cwt, up 3 percent from 2002, but 6 percent below two years ago. Disappearance during March totaled 2.30 million cwt, above last year's March disappearance of 1.90 million cwt, and above the 2.00 million cwt disappearance two years ago. Total stocks are defined as all potatoes on hand, regardless of use, including those that will be lost through future shrinkage and dumping.

#### United States

The 15 major potato States held 125 million cwt of potatoes in storage April 1, 2003, up 4 percent from last year but 19 percent below 2001. Storage accounts for 30 percent of the 2002 fall storage States' production, down 1 percentage point from last year. Disappearance of 286 million cwt of potatoes from the 2002 crop is up 7 percent from 2001 but 6 percent below 2000 crop movement. Processors in the 9 major States used 145 million cwt of potatoes this season, up 10 percent from a year ago but 4 percent below two years ago. Dehydrating usage accounts for 31.9 million cwt of the total processing.

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# FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION AND APRIL STOCKS

State	Crop of 2001		Crop of 2002	
	Production	Stocks Apr 1, 2002	Production	Stocks Apr 1, 2003
	-- 1,000 Cwt --		-- 1,000 Cwt --	
<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>	26,400	10,400	23,460	7,000
California	1,424	300	4,450	600
Colorado	21,357	7,300	27,885	9,500
Idaho	120,200	45,000	133,385	49,000
Maine	16,430	5,300	16,960	6,300
Michigan	13,950	1,500	13,878	2,800
Minnesota	18,425	6,100	18,700	6,100
Montana	3,296	1,790	3,224	1,800
Nebraska	8,400	<sup>1/</sup>	8,611	<sup>1/</sup>
New York	5,942	300	5,500	300
Ohio	1,097	<sup>1/</sup>	1,008	<sup>1/</sup>
Oregon	20,730	8,500	24,936	7,500
Pennsylvania	3,173	300	2,590	350
Washington	94,400	25,000	95,200	25,500
Wisconsin	31,955	6,700	31,125	6,200
Other States		1,460		2,080
<b>15 State Total</b>	<b>387,179</b>	<b>119,950</b>	<b>410,912</b>	<b>125,030</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Combined into Other States.

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